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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954.

Boston, December 31, 1954.

Hon. John B. Hynes,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Parks and Recreation Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Kelley,
Chairman, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

Thomas J. Carty,
Daniel G. O'Connor,
O. Philip Snowden,
Theodore C. Haffenreffer,
Associate Commissioners.

Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1954.

PARKS, GARDENS — SQUARES.

Aquarium	$33,894 22
Aquarium, grounds	2,042 50
Arborway	6,300 59
Arnold Arboretum	3,222 30
Back Bay District	22,092 24
Back Bay, yard	44,918 12
Belmont Square	116 00
Blackstone Square	3,648 80
Boston Common, Bandstand	2,085 53
Boston Common, Convenience Stations	15,378 28
Boston Common, Deer Park, Tool House	2,536 96
Boston Common Festival	—
Boston Common, Frog Pond	4,395 12
Boston Common, grounds	37,587 61
Boston Common, Information Booth	3,411 00
Boston Common, Log Cabin	283 57
Boston Common, Playland	898 78
Brighton District	23,274 72
Castle Island	5,619 00
Central Square	2,959 08
Charlestown District	9,501 92
Chestnut Hill Park	294 00
Christmas trees and decorations	5,953 59
City Square	1,709 47
Columbus Park	24,248 04
Columbus Park Stadium	4,988 77
Commonwealth Avenue, main	14,828 84
Concord Square	125 00
Copley Square	348 79
Daisy Field	98 00
Dorchester Heights	2,912 10
Dorchester Park	8,240 18
Douglas Court Play Area	342 25
East Boston District	7,598 58
East Boston Stadium	16,040 82
Eaton Square	394 25
Edison Green	167 00
Egleston Firehouse	3 96
Fens	23,035 29
Fens Rose Garden	11,484 29
Fens Stadium	14,113 62
Franklin Park, Administration Buildings, shops, etc	21 10
Franklin Park, blacksmith shop	5,195 99
Franklin Park, carpenter shop	24,290 96
Franklin Park, garage	63,662 36

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Franklin Park, golf course	$24,843 28
Franklin Park, greenhouse	75,122 43
Franklin Park, grounds	24,161 31
Franklin Park, harness shop	648 36
Franklin Park, lawn mower shop	14,429 15
Franklin Park, paint shop	16,386 60
Franklin Park, plumber shop	5,087 90
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	5,387 22
Franklin Park, repair shops	69,954 79
Franklin Park, Rose Garden	12,747 73
Franklin Park, storehouse	39,773 02
Franklin Park, yard	42,581 36
Franklin Square	2,011 90
George Wright Golf Course	65,450 87
George White Stadium	353 45
Hayes Square	97 37
Herbert J. Wolf Square	1,008 36
Highland Park	291 75
Hill and Cook Street Play Area	94 30
Horatio Harris Park	1,041 00
Irving W. Adams Park	2,900 52
Jamaica Pond Boat Landing	489 18
Jamaicaway	15,225 05
John Harvard Mall	572 60
Kelley's Circle	63 00
Lincoln Square	66 95
Madison Park	2,998 80
Mary Cummings Estate	232 83
Massachusetts Avenue	60 66
McLean Park	1,056 50
Michael J. Brophy Park	1,145 75
Murray Park	230 30
Myrtle Street	730 33
Myrtle Street Boat Landing	15 34
North End District	10,315 67
Olmstead Park	43 95
Orchard Park	847 80
Park Drive, Administration Building	2,592 31
Parks, General	36,424 79
Paul Revere Mall	2 60
Plympton Street Pool	580 70
Preble Street Traffic Circle	280 89
Prescott Square	203 00
Public Garden	54,706 57
Putnam Square	203 00
Recreation Division	304,732 63
Riverway	2,917 80
Ross Estate	2,265 65
South Boston District	8,647 52
Strandway	159 41
Thomas Park	793 88

Walnut Park	$1,040 94
Washington Park	1,575 00
Webster Square	75
West End District	5,771 41
Winthrop Square	2,022 85
Zoological Garden, animal range	10,489 75
Zoological Garden, antelope house	9,023 51
Zoological Garden, bear dens	8,188 93
Zoological Garden, bird house	42,377 31
Zoological Garden, camel house	11 02
Zoological Garden, elephant house	18,642 92
Zoological Garden, elk range	19,685 05
Zoological Garden, general	66,879 42
Zoological Garden, lion house	8,766 17
Total	$1,501,716 75

PLAYGROUNDS.

Almont Street Playground	$10,763 30
American Legion Playground	5,668 83
Billings Field Playground	9,832 07
Brookside Avenue Playground	3,261 30
Cassidy Playground	6,065 03
Ceylon Street Playground	3,424 35
Cherry Street Playground	714 00
Christopher J. Gibson Playground	12,569 34
Christopher J. Lee Playground	5,500 74
Fallon Field Playground	9,826 69
Foster Street Playground	193 60
Francis Parkman Playground	3,498 87
Franklin Field Playground	32,282 10
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	3,742 70
General Playground	50,752 88
George H. Walker Playground	6,954 00
Green and Lamartine Streets Playground	978 15
James L. Cronin Playground	4,439 22
James F. Healy Playground	7,567 86
James and Margaret Tobin Playground	1,937 39
Jefferson Playground	8,531 66
John J. Connolly Playground	7,457 36
John A. Doherty Playground	312 72
John J. Doherty Playground	6,360 55
John F. Holland Playground	4,068 24
John W. Murphy Playground	7,258 80
John H. L. Noyes Playground	8,040 46
John J. Ryan Playground	155 36
John Winthrop Playground	3,007 15
Kiley Street Playground	1,583 23
King Street Playground	479 11
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	3,522 29

Lester J. Rotch Playground	$7,385 70
London Street Playground	2,999 00
Mary Draper Playground	6,409 06
Mary Hannon Playground	1,560 90
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	9,386 02
McConnell Park Playground	6,188 52
McKinney Playground	7,310 92
McLaughlin Playground	292 00
Mission Hill Playground	10,295 17
Paris Street Playground	2,258 33
Parker Hill Playground	3,710 28
Portsmouth Street Playground	7,399 36
Readville Playground	2,677 60
Rev. Father Buckley Playground	639 32
Rogers Park Playground	7,940 90
Ronan Park Playground	9,556 54
Smith's Pond Playground	9,394 56
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	6,144 28
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	7,152 44
Troy Street Playground	1,185 33
Tyler Street Playground	714 00
Wallingford Road Playground	294 60
Wesley G. Ross Playground	6,209 12
West Canton and Carlton Streets Playground	92 37
William Amerena Playground	3,047 40
William J. Barry Playground	9,982 92
William E. Carter Playground	7,019 99
William Eustis Playground	11,394 52
William E. Garvey Playground	7,368 29
William F. Smith Playground	8,664 38
William Gary Walsh Playground	7,159 96
Total	$402,583 13

GYMNASIA.

Brighton Gymnasium	$8,653 50
Cabot Street Gymnasium	50,336 43
Charlestown Building Gymnasium	1,596 00
Columbia Road Gymnasium	14,703 46
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	27,781 94
Hyde Park Gymnasium	14,515 50
John J. Doherty Pool	739 50
John J. Williams Gymnasium	24,455 50
Lexington Street Gymnasium	9,691 30
Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Building	18,225 45
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	45,615 68
Paris Street Gymnasium	58,406 05
Roslindale Gymnasium	11,223 60
Tyler Street Gymnasium	11,613 95
Vine Street Gymnasium	24,950 70
Total	$322,508 56

BATHS AND BEACHES.

Baths, General	$1,730 70
Broadway Municipal Building	31,547 37
Charlestown Pool	46,946 76
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry	159,849 08
L Street Bath House and Beach	134,952 67
North End Park Beach, Bath and Pool	43,964 64
Repair Room, Sewing Room, and Stock Room	31,415 75
Total	$450,406 97

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Central Office — Administration	$155,569 59
Fuel	38,066 99
Street Trees	71,358 73
Automobiles, Tractors, Wagons, etc.	80,282 67
Miscellaneous	5,847 25
Total	$351,125 23

RECAPITULATION.

Parks and Gardens	$1,501,716 75
Playgrounds	402,583 13
Gymnasia	322,508 56
Baths and Beaches	450,406 97
General Expenses	351,125 23
Total	$3,028,340 64

CASH RECEIPTS.

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1954.

PARK DIVISION.

Franklin Park Golf Course	$20,430 00	
George Wright Golf Course	35,139 00	
Permits for signs, openings, etc.	127 50	
Refunds on labor and equipment	814 19	
Commission on public telephones in Park Department Buildings	441 81	
Settlement of claims for damages	484 50	
Towels, soap in playground houses	1,639 71	
Unclaimed deposits on locker keys and towels at Franklin Park Golf Course	38 00	
Rentals from property and concessions	10,318 50	
Boston Common Tree Fund, income	125 80	
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	6,090 56	
Randidge Trust Fund, income	1,768 77	
Babcock Music Fund, income	97 21	
Foss Flag Fund, income	85 00	
Foss 17th of June Fund, income	85 00	
		$77,685 55

BATH DIVISION.

Towels, soap, etc., income	$25,580 68	25,580 68
		$103,266 23

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General Revenue	$95,013 89	
Trust Funds, income	8,252 34	
		$103,266 23

Expenditures of Loans, Revenue, Special Appropriations and Trust Funds, January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1954.

RECREATION.

Baker, Gardner Streets, West Roxbury	$100 00
Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvements of	175,441 74
Eradication of Dutch Elm Disease	44,920 80
Gallivan Boulevard, Washington Street, Dorchester, and Gary Walsh Playground, Restoration of	—
Establishment of Parks and Playgrounds	43,736 20
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	4,933 40
Park and Playground Improvements, etc., revenue	71,095 30
Randidge Trust Fund, income	5,589 09
Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways	103,975 80
Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo	34,129 60
Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal of	26,506 73
Hurricane Emergency	175,847 62
Total	$686,276 28

FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE.

1954.

Opening Date, April 3. Closing Date, December 6.

Registered Attendance, 34,005

Annual Permits, 5 at $30	$150 00
Annual Permits, 632 at $15	9,480 00
Daily Permits, 244 at $1.50	366 00
Daily Permits, 9,631 at $1.00	9,631 00
Twilight Permits, 1,606 at $0.50	803 00
Total	$20,430 00

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE.

1954.

Opening Date, April 3. Closing Date, December 6.

Registered Attendance, 45,851.

Annual Permits, 58 at $40	$2,320 00
Annual Permits, 459 at $30	13,770 00
Daily Permits, 4,885 at $2.00	9,770 00
Daily Permits, 7,892 at $1.00	7,892 00
Daily Permits, 50 at $0.50	25 00
Lockers, 454 at $3.00	1,362 00
Total	$35,139 00

ATTENDANCE RECORDS — 1954.

Playgrounds, Shower Baths, Beaches and Swimming Pools, Gymnasiums.

Playgrounds, Summer Attendance	6,950,000
Playgrounds, Winter Attendance (Skating)	353,000
Shower Baths	2,100,000
Beaches and Swimming Pools	1,050,000
Gymnasium, Class and Individual Attendance	243,465
Total	10,696,465

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
STATISTICS TO DECEMBER 31, 1954.

Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Main Park System:									
[24]Commonwealth avenue	1894–1905		$729,499 07	$729,499 07	112.70 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens	1877–1879	$736,854 49	3,276,621 13	4,013,475 62	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
[1]Avenue Louis Pasteur	1922				3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile		
†Riverway	1883–1890	457,457 53	928,079 70	1,385,537 23	40.00 "	1.4 miles	2.8 miles	1.2 "	8 "
‡Olmsted Park	1890–1892	1,081,947 60	832,228 19	1,914,175 79	180.00 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arborway-Jamaicaway	1892	245,584 25	543,537 14	789,121 39	36.00 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum	1882–1895	79,354 15	462,916 30	542,270 45	223.00 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	0.5 mile	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway	1894	135,265 29	176,638 10	311,903 39	65.94 "	1 mile	2 "	0.94 "	
Joyce Kilmer Park					9.53 "				
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden	1883–1884 1906–1912	1,551,896 63	4,313,881 07	5,865,777 70	522.00 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
Marine Park System:									
[17]Columbia Road	1899	447,528 63	557,757 18	1,005,285 81	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "		
Dorchester Way	1892–1895	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88					
[15]Strandway and Columbus Park	1890–1892 1897–1901	772,515 12	2,837,981 17	3,610,496 29	254.30 "				
[19]Marine Park and Aquarium,	1883	232,972 57	1,729,642 10	1,962,614 67	52.71 " land 4.90 " flats	0.6 mile	1.39 "		3.4 "
§Castle Island	1890		172,651 79	172,651 79	25.70 " land 78.30 " flats	0.16 "	1.15 "		
*McConnell Park	1899–1914	50,759 33	256,586 41	307,345 74	9.78 " land 50.55 " flats	0.20 "	0.29 mile		

SAVIN HILL PARK	1909	31,925 55	18,712 21	50,637 76	8.26 "			
* IRVING W. ADAMS PARK	1919	50,000 00	21,411 93	71,411 93	0.78 acre			
[1] WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK	1882–1891	132,800 00	462,988 47	595,788 47	211.00 acres	0.3 "	2.1 miles	
CHARLESBANK	1883	373,916 99	379,645 74	753,562 73	25.41 "		1.5 "	
TRINITY TRIANGLE	1885	30,000 00		30,000 00	0.18 acre			
ENS. JOHN J. DOHERTY, JR., PLAYGROUND	1891	50,538 02	186,373 19	236,911 21	10.35 acres		0.4 mile	
JOHN J. RYAN, JR., PLAYGROUND	1891	172,923 31	54,931 93	227,855 24	13.66 " land 3.70 " flats		0.6 "	
DORCHESTER PARK	1891–1903	64,165 37	34,526 30	98,691 67	31.47 "			
FRANKLIN FIELD	1892–1910	157,341 22	266,892 16	424,233 38	77.00 "	0.65 "	1.09 miles	
NORTH END BEACH PARK	1893	328,364 44	472,861 68	801,226 12	3.70 " land 3.00 " flats			
* VINCENT CUTILLO PARK, NORTH END	1917	160,350 00	46,720 62	207,070 62	0.48 acre			
WILLIAM B. CORBETT PARK, DORCHESTER CENTER	1917	22,904 86	1,691 37	24,596 23	0.94 "			
COPP'S HILL TERRACE	1893	90,858 19	55,641 05	146,499 24	0.6 "		0.11 mile	
‖CHESTNUT HILL PARK OR CASSIDY PLAYGROUND	1898–1899 and 1902	210,239 06	44,899 46	255,138 52	54.19 acres	1.44 miles	0.10 "	
CHERRY STREET PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END	1922	108,004 78	17,647 27	125,652 05	0.55 acre			
ALMONT STREET PLAYGROUND, MATTAPAN	1924	11,095 24	49,572 34	60,667 58	17.81 acres		0.04 "	
[20]PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL,	1913–1915	291,138 24	73,277 02	364,415 26	4.24 "		0.21 "	
* JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1917	13,700 00	29,669 36	43,369 36	1.07 "			
RONAN PARK PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1912–1916	101,957 78	125,703 98	227,661 76	11.65 "		0.83 "	

See footnotes on page 20.

LOCATION.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
* FREDERICK D. EMMONS PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN	1912	$80,946 47	$8,746 53	$89,693 00	1.07 acres				
PRINCE STREET PLAYGROUND,	1897–1899 1901–1902	180,474 70	9,241 01	189,715 71	0.4 acre				
TENEAN BEACH, DORCHESTER, M.D.C.	1914–1915 1928–1933	102,140 00	85,313 76	187,453 76	20.01 acres	0.25 mile	0.35 mile		
* WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND, NORTH BRIGHTON,	1894	22,107 12	34,664 23	56,771 35	14.00 "				
* WILLIAM H. GARVEY PLAYGROUND, NEPONSET,	1896	24,804 39	152,325 46	177,129 85	16.68 "		0.28 "		
BILLINGS FIELD, WEST ROXBURY	1896–1906	47,068 98	78,947 47	126,016 45	10.83 "		0.23 "		
*[3] CHRISTOPHER J. LEE PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON	1897		132,463 71	132,463 71	5.20 "		0.4 "		
MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1920	29,730 76	72,179 35	101,910 11	4.41 "				
* MARY P. C. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND, WOBURN	1930				234.00 "				
PAUL GORE STREET PLAYGROUND	1913				0.74 acre				
* WILLIAM J. BARRY PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN	1897–1923	202,463 00	221,057 91	423,520 91	5.72 acres		0.09 "		
* J. M. & J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1897	14,593 72	13,376 42	27,970 14	0.85 acre				
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1897	37,709 58	60,042 75	97,752 33	4.34 acres		0.11 "		

* WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1899–1900 1901–1902	327,503 84	79,506 28	407,010 12	5.02 "			
* JAMES L. CRONIN PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1899	43,990 09	9,702 10	53,692 19	2.24 "			
* FALLON FIELD PLAYGROUND, ROSLINDALE	1899–1913 1917–1931	91,325 11	85,455 31	176,780 42	7.57 "		0.36 "	
* JAMES F. HEALY PLAYGROUND, ROSLINDALE	1902	25,166 75	43,185 19	68,351 94	9.63 "		0.14 "	
* LESTER J. ROTCH PLAYGROUND, SOUTH END	1903	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	2.8 "			
* JOHN J. CONNOLLY PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY	1903–1905		100,958 90	100,958 90	5.1 "			
ROGERS PARK, BRIGHTON	1899–1931	45,998 30	78,920 12	124,918 42	8.20 "		0.44 "	
CARROLL POND, WEST ROXBURY	1921		8,376 75	8,376 75	0.47 acre			
JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON	1909	10,015 00	159,902 61	169,917 61	5.24 acres land 3.07 " flats			
WEST THIRD STREET PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON,	1909	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre			
* MATTHEW J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON	1909	10,201 30	4,597 40	14,798 70	0.47 "			
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAYGROUND	1909–1924	116,220 06	97,467 53	213,687 59	7.60 acres			
JOHN WINTHROP PLAYGROUND	1911	20,994 26	39,153 50	60,147 76	1.57 "			
* GEORGE H. WALKER PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER	1912–1914	22,011 33	47,496 72	69,508 05	6.21 "		0.10 "	
* STANLEY A. RINGER PARK, ALLSTON	1916–1931	57,090 00	73,123 69	130,213 69	12.38 "		0.35 "	
* ARTHUR F. McLEAN PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON	1917	20,754 17	18,688 84	39,443 01	0.43 acre			

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		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Paris Street Playground,	1912.....	$50,630 64	$13,083 38	$63,714 02	1.27 acres				
Tyler Street Playground,	1912.....	26,239 19	12,203 86	38,443 05	0.26 acre				
*John W. Murphy Playground, Jamaica Plain,	1912–1919..	26,861 80	68,854 68	95,716 48	4.17 acres				
Portsmouth Street Playground.....	1912.....	15,000 00	31,936 36	46,936 36	4.29 "				
Town Meeting Park, Dorchester.....	1921.....	5,859 00	2,889 53	8,748 53	0.22 acre				
[15] Gymnasium Site, South Boston.....	1921.....	40,000 00	8,500 00	48,500 00	0.36 "				
[5] Factory Hill Playground.....	1912.....		8,837 89	8,837 89	5.20 acres				
[6] Ripley Playground.....	1913.....		13,465 75	13,465 75	0.86 acre				
[7] Smith's Pond Playground,	1914–1931..		74,326 47	74,326 47	12.91 acres				
Ceylon Street Playground, Dorchester....	1923.....	30,116 78	19,017 22	49,134 00	4.03 "				
[8] Carl H. Ahlsen Playground, Dorchester....	1916–1943..				11.20 "		0.20 mile		
[9] John A. Doherty Playground, Dorchester....	1897.....		35,939 45	35,939 45	1.47 "				
American Legion Playground, Condor Street, East Boston.....	1924.....	63,300 00	35,672 88	98,972 88	3.38 "				
Playground, Readville, Bullard, Milton and Regent Streets, Hyde Park.....	1924.....	13,417 34	21,894 90	35,312 24	5.03 "				

JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND, HEATH, FLOYD AND CRANFORD STREETS, ROXBURY,	1924.....	67,329 80	42,670 20	110,000 00	7.51 "				
FRANCIS PARKMAN PLAYGROUND, WACHUSETT STREET, FOREST HILLS...	1924.....	12,000 00	16,706 32	28,706 32	2.06 "				
REV. FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, BOLTON AND WEST THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON,	1925.....	51,432 00	19,340 98	70,772 98	0.65 acre				
PAUL REVERE MALL, NORTH END.....	1925.....	107,600 00	23,372 38	130,972 38	0.76 "				
STATLER PARK, COLUMBUS AVENUE, STUART AND TENNYSON STREETS.....	1925.....	352,200 90	15,918 88	368,119 78	0.25 "				
BROOKSIDE AVENUE PLAYGROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN..	1925.....	11,600 00	19,080 77	30,680 77	1.32 acres				
*[16] WILLIAM AMERENA PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON...	1925.....	37,949 50	40,006 17	77,955 67	4.06 "				
[10]AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON....	1928–1931 and 1932	107,060 45	1,902,869 05	2,009,929 50	370 "	0.65 mile	0.75 "		
GERTRUDE HOWES PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.....	1930.....	26,397 40	10,227 28	36,624 68	1.88 "				
* MCKINNEY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	1930.....	59,950 00	15,631 20	75,581 20	5.94 "				
*[11] THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1930–1931..	21,360 08	76,412 83	97,772 91	10.40 "		0.30 "		
[12] MARTIN M. LOMASNEY PARK, WEST END.....	1930.....	25,000 00	52,810 67	77,810 67	2.57 "				
PLAYGROUND, FOSTER AND COURT STREETS, NORTH END.....	1930.....	3,924 00	4,354 25	8,278 25	0.10 acre				
GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK, WEST ROXBURY.....	1930–1931..	146,818 08	357,040 99	503,859 07	158.48 acres				

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Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Mary Draper Playground, West Roxbury	1932	$23,853 80	$22,947 45	$46,801 25	5.76 acres	0.02 mile	0.18 mile		
[13] Joseph D. McLaughlin Playground, Roxbury	1931		24,158 72	24,158 72	11.54 "				
*Wesley Ross Playground, near Westminster Street, Hyde Park	1936	10,000 00	44,816 42	54,816 42	13.03 "				
Snow Hill Street Playground, North End	1937		4,189 71	4,189 71	1.13 "				
Alice E. Gallagher Memorial Park, Chandler's Pond, Brighton,	1937–1943		742 50	742 50	13.59 "				13 acres
Everett and Elm Streets, Dorchester	1939				1.16 "				
Leo F. McCarthy Playground, Mead and Ludlow Streets, Charlestown	1938		3,751 24	3,751 24	0.28 acre				
Washington and Stimson Streets, West Roxbury,	1938				0.30 "				
Charter Street and Greenough Lane, Children's Playground, North End	1940				0.23 "				
Tobin Playground, Albion Street, South End	1941				0.57 "				
Orchard Park	1912		73,367 49	73,367 49	2.4 acres				

Malden Street, South End, Boston	1941				0.21 acre				
Vernon Street, Roxbury	1941				0.40 "				
Thornton Street, Roxbury	1941				0.06 "				
Pitts and Hale Streets, West End	1942				0.11 "				
Troy and Rochester Streets, South End	1941				0.17 "				
London and Decatur Streets, East Boston	1941				0.13 "				
Howard Avenue, Dorchester, Mary A. Hannon Play Area	1940-1945		8,890 45	8,890 45	1.69 acres				
Hill and Cook Streets, Charlestown	1942		3,117 78	3,117 78	0.10 acre				
Phillips Street Playground, West End	1942		3,772 25	3,772 25	0.13 "				
Beecher Street Play Area, West Roxbury	1942				0.18 "				
McKay School Play Area, Frankfort, Gove and Cottage Streets, East Boston	1942				0.50 "				
King Street, Roxbury	1943		740 00	740 00	0.32 "				
John Harvard Mall, Charlestown	1943				0.85 "				
Henry Ross Estate, Forest Hills	1943-1945				7.69 acres				

See footnotes on page 20.

Location.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Penniman Road and Hano Street, Brighton.	1945		$15,272 03	$15,272 03	0.94 acre				
Green and Lamartine Streets, Jamaica Plain	1945		21,164 62	21,164 62	1.32 acres				
Rachel Revere Overlook, North Street, Boston	1945		10,008 90	10,008 90	0.08 acre				
Carleton Street, South End	1945		6,120 39	6,120 39	0.05 "				
Carson Street, Dorchester	1945		2,400 03	2,400 03	0.92 "				
Washington, East Dedham and Mystic Streets, South End	1945	$30,272 75	10,175 30	40,448 05	0.32 "				
Bruce Street, West Roxbury	1945				0.80 "				
William Gary Walsh Playground, Gallivan Boulevard, corner Washington Street, Dorchester	1946		126,630 10	126,630 10	7.03 acres				
[14] Oak Square Playground, Brighton	1947	25,760 00	6,002 95	31,762 95	1.48 "				
Sumner and Willis Streets, Dorchester, Undeveloped	1947				0.03 acre				
Myrtle Street Play Area	1949		2,101 50	2,101 50	0.17 "				
Union Street, Brighton	1949		4,163 86	4,163 86	1.54 acres				

Chiswick and Sidlaw Roads, Commonwealth Avenue, Park Site	1949	23,000 00		23,000 00	0.60 acre				
Harrison Avenue, 624–634, Play Area, South End	1950		3,620 00	3,620 00	0.12 "				
Poplar Street Play Area, West End	1950		9,081 33	9,081 33	0.137 "				
Russett Road, Bruce Street, Weld Street, VFW Parkway Playground Site	1950	11,000 00		11,000 00	6.76 acres				
[21]Wallingford road, Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton	1951				10.00 "				
Poplar and Hillside Streets, Roslindale	1951				0.44 acre				
[22]Wall Street, West End	1951		6,875 34	6,875 34	0.08 "				
[22]Holyoke Street, South End	1951				0.04 "				
[23]Haverhill and Perkins Streets, Charlestown	1951				0.23 "				
[23]Rutherford Avenue and Union Street, Charlestown	1951				0.21 "				
[22]Hooker, Sorrento and Goddard Streets, Brighton	1951		9,555 01	9,555 01	1.00 "				
Truman Highway and Washington Street, Hyde Park	1951	1,145 00		1,145 00	1.32 acres				
Cumston Street Play Area, South End	1952		732 79	732 79	0.011 acre				

Locaton.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Douglass Court Play Area, North End	1952		$2,063 69	$2,063 69	0.011 acre				
Bradford and Wilkes Streets Play Areas	1952		7,386 41	7,386 41	0.10 "				
Cabot Street Extension, Land to Bath House	1952				0.13 "				
West Rutland Square Play Area	1953				0.013 "				
Baker-Gardner Sts. West Roxbury	1954	$350 00		350 00	7.2 acres				
Totals		$11,485,473 55	$24,378,098 23	$35,863,571 78	3,419.6 acres	46.07 miles	73.98 miles	7.93 miles	131.4 acres

* Named for soldier killed in World War.
† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
‡ An additional area of 16¼ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
§ Custody given to the city by Acts of Congress.
‖ 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.
¶ Transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.
[1] World War Memorial.
[2] Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.
[3] Transferred from and $454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
[4] 25,470 square feet transferred from and $2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.
[5] Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.
[6] Acquired by gift.
[7] Transferred from Metropolitan Park.
[8] Transferred from Street Laying-Out Department.
[9] Formerly part of Christopher Gibson Playground, set apart and named, November 9, 1920.
[10] 256 acres leased from Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Airport transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.
[11] 792 acres transferred from School Committee by chapter 229, Acts of 1931.
[12] Acquired by section 2, chapter 371, Acts of 1929, and chapter 91 of General Laws, indenture December 11, 1930, under provision of chapter 92, section 87, of General Laws; Act of City Council, approved May 25, 1933.
[13] Transferred from Institutions Department by chapter 40, Acts of 1931.
[14] Purchased from Metropolitan Transit Authority.
[15] Property sold.
[16] To be transferred to Commonwealth for additions to Airport.
[17] Part of roadway transferred to City of Boston Public Works Department, 1951.
[18] Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.
[19] Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.
[20] Part of this area to Public Buildings Department for building.
[21] Transferred from Public Works Department, 1951.
[22] Transferred from Real Estate Division.
[23] Developed by Metropolitan District Commission, transferred to Park Department.
[24] Transferred to Public Works Department by City Council, April 11, 1955, other than portion between Arlington street and Beacon street at Kenmore square.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT — CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1954.

Department Cemeteries.

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet.	Established.
Bennington Street, East Boston	157,500	1838
Bunker Hill, Charlestown	48,202	1807
Phipps Street, Charlestown	76,740	1630
Copp's Hill, Hull street, City	89,015	1659
Kings Chapel, Tremont street, City	19,344	1630
Granary, Tremont street, City	82,063	1660
Central, Common, City	60,693	1756
South End South, Washington street, City	64,670	1810
Hawes, Emerson street, South Boston	11,232	1816
Union, East Fifth street, South Boston	5,470	1841
North, Uphams Corner, Dorchester	142,587	1633
Eliot, Eustis street, Roxbury	34,830	1630
South, Dorchester avenue, Dorchester	95,462	1814
Westerly, Centre street, West Roxbury	39,450	1683
Walter Street, West Roxbury	35,100	1711
Evergreen, Commonwealth avenue, Brighton	604,520	1848
Market Street, Brighton	18,072	1764
Mount Hope, Walk Hill street, 125 acres and 14,330 square feet		1851
Fairview, Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres,		1892

City Tombs.

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground; one for infants in Kings Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery, and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1954.

CEMETERIES.	General Receipts.	Perpetual Care Receipts.	Interest on Perpetual Care.
Mount Hope	$92,971 38	$21,820 00	$19,314 02
Fairview	19,052 20	8,840 00	5,288 33
Evergreen	16,661 70	9,860 00	6,882 56
Dorchester North	100 00		401 70
Dorchester South	118 65		136 92
Westerly			176 16
Central			62 50
Phipps Street			6 44
Bunker Hill			1 05
Granary			62 50
Copp's Hill			62 50
Kings Chapel			62 50
Totals	$128,903 93	$40,520 00	$32,457 18

Total, General Fund, December 31, 1953.	$3,862,732 46	
Interest, General Fund, 1954	112,908 13	
Revenue (General Receipts), 1954.	128,903 93	
Discounts on Securities Purchased.	803 72	
		$4,105,420 24
Payments from Fund during 1954:		
Premiums and Accrued Interest	$493 90	
Refunds	370 00	
		863 90
Total, General Fund, December 31, 1954		$4,104,556 34
Total, Perpetual Care Funds, December 31, 1954		1,096,978 05
Total Cemetery Funds		$5,201,534 39

Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to December 31, 1954.

CEMETERIES.	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope	1,414	197	463	8,704	2,093			312	23	8
Fairview	263	21	63	1,051	1,344	1		84		
Evergreen	176	30	64	1,080	2,705	1		89	1	4
Dorchester North	2			2						
Dorchester South	3							1		
Phipps Street				1						
Bunker Hill				1						
Westerly				1						
Totals	1,858	248	590	10,840	6,142	2		486	24	12

Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending December 31, 1954.

Office	$15,757 04
Mount Hope	159,774 23
Fairview	42,287 13
Evergreen	32,074 08
Dorchester North	3,618 10
Dorchester South	3,475 15
Bennington Street	3,159 69
Hawes & Emerson	166 90
Westerly	330 80
Central	287 90
Eliot	1,255 95
South End South	1,092 30
Copp's Hill	3,295 25
Granary	3,676 51
Kings Chapel	3,647 80
Bunker Hill	1,647 85
Phipps Street	1,931 10
Market Street	97 80
Park	3,067 62
	$280,643 20

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